**Principals Pen!**

As I walk through the halls and visit classrooms, I am very impressed with student learning and progress. Our purpose is to help each child become the best that he/she can be. Effective communication between home and school is extremely important to achieving this goal. Studies show that strong parental involvement and interest in education is a crucial factor of student success in school. We encourage you to be well informed about your child’s class and our school. Should you ever have questions, concerns or suggestions during the school year, please do not hesitate to call us at 918-227-7838.

**National Blue Ribbon School**

Freedom, along with six other schools in Oklahoma is being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, 2020! This very high honor is indicative of the excellence that is central to our mission each day. Our high expectations for students bring high performance and for that, we are honored to receive this prestigious award from our Nation. Our staff will be honored during half time at the Sapulpa Homecoming Game on October 9th. Further, the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony will be held virtually on November 12th and 13th.

**Fire Safety Week**

Freedom students will be visited by the Sapulpa Fire Department on Tuesday, October 6th. The firemen will be offering a presentation on fire safety and prevention in honor of National Fire Prevention Week, October 4th-10th.

**Take Note:**

- Virtual Parent/teacher conferences 10-5 & 10-12
- Fall Break 10-14.....10-16
- October Istation benchmarks have begun. Stay tuned for information from your child’s teacher about parent/child Istation access at home.

**Red Ribbon Week**

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26th-31st, with our focus being, “I believe in me: happy, healthy, and drug free”! We will have a special theme each day of the week, as well as an individual and class poster contest.

- **Monday**, October 26th: Proud to be Drug Free-students will wear red to school
- **Tuesday**, October 27th: Team up Against Drugs-students will wear their favorite sports shirt or jersey to school
- **Wednesday**, October 28th: Follow Your Dreams-students will wear their pajamas to school
- **Thursday**, October 29th: Peace Out to Drugs-students will wear tie dye or peace signs to school
- **Friday,** October 30th: Say BOO to Drugs-students will wear their Halloween costumes to school

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